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THE MORNING

# Chex-Press

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Our Perennial Serial

## The Deputy of Devil's Doorknob

by William Overland Husky, author of *The Sagebrush Commuter*, *Riders of the Lazy Susan*, *Wild Horse Murphy* and *Shot In The Foot* By Jesse James.

### CHAPTER XI

Buck Trapeze, Deputy Sheriff of the little town of Devil's Doorknob, surveyed the situation and admitted to himself in his likeable drawl, that things were far from good. The Devil's Doorknob Kid had locked him in a cell in his own jail, manacled him with his own handcuffs, taken his six guns, stolen his horse and tied knots in the fringe on his cowboy shirt. What was worse, Buck had just learned that the Deadwood stage, besides being two days overdue, was not

made of deadwood at all but only a low grade of clapboard.

And at this very moment, somewhere over the rim, Miss Nancy, sweetheart of Buck Trapeze and fighting editor of one of Devil's Doorknob's leading morning papers, was rushing back with a three day pass for General Custer. She little dreamed, fair creature that she was, that the vile Essanay gang was even now headed in her direction and up to no good.

*To be continued!*

## The Car Barn

Auto Info by Rollo Flywheel

Dear Rollo: I recently became the proud owner of a new Queso Grande sports car. The other morning, when the car wouldn't start, I got the notion to look under the hood for the first time. There I noticed, instead of an engine, three armadillos on a treadmill. Have I been hoodwinked?

—Classic Car Buff

Dear Classic Car Buff: I'm afraid so. The classic Queso-Grande engine should consist of three squirrels on a turntable.

Dear Rollo: The plate clutch locking gear train of my automatic gear box has fallen into the band brake locking annulus and as a result all the bevel pinions are making a funny ring-a-ding sound. The thing is, my wife and I have grown rather fond of the sound and want to know if there is any way to keep it and yet be able to get the car out of low gear.

—Musical Motorist

Dear Musical Motorist: This is a fairly common complaint. The best thing to do is fix your gear box and then get a ring-a-ding pinion kit to attach to your car radio.

## PUZZLER

All you have to do this morning is say when. Just tell us when each of the following events happened. Answers are upside down below.

1. When were the first postage stamps issued in America?
2. When did Elizabeth II become queen?
3. When was the YMCA founded?
4. In what year did Lionel Barrymore win the Academy Award?
5. When was California admitted to the Union?

1 1847 4. 1931 5. 1850 3. 1844 2. 1952

## Poet's Nook

MY OLD HOME TOWN

Though I left it many years ago  
My home town I'll always see.  
Especially since last week's tornado  
Brought it all here to me.

—Vachel Shucks

## The Dream Corner

by Prince S. Gayza

### DREAM #1

In my dream I am living in the jungle with my wife and several apes. Everyone seems to have a great respect for me and hunters are always asking my advice about elephants. Does this have a meaning?

(Sent in by Mr. HM)

### SOLUTION #1

Mr. HM will shortly receive an honorary degree from a smart Eastern college.

### DREAM #2

I dream I am a poor girl from a mining town in the West and one day while I am out staking a claim a grizzled old miner stops me and tells me his dream. In his dream he is traveling in Ruritania when a high government official notices his resemblance to the Crown Prince. So they ask him to impersonate the Crown Prince at the upcoming coronation. While he is waiting for the festivities to start he dozes off and dreams he is looking in a mirror. Instead of seeing his reflection he sees a man who used to be a child star named Baby Earl. Baby Earl tells him his dream which is that he is always riding a bicycle in Baton Rouge. What does all this mean?

(Sent in by Mrs. AT)

### SOLUTION #2

Sorry, only one dream to a customer.

## CARTOON CORNER



When I need your advice I'll ask for it  
What's your advice?



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## Take Annie Everymann's Advice

Dear Mrs. Everymann: I am having the Marquis of Wimpy and some of his crowd over for pot-luck next week and I would like to make the dessert in the shape of the Marquis' coat of arms. Is this considered proper?

—Anxious Hostess

My Dear: Yes, it is. And, since the Marquis of Wimpy's coat of arms consists of three bananas on a field of white, it should also be quite tasty.

Dear Mrs. Everymann: My husband is convinced that a Mongolian shaman has put a spell on him and now he has given up his profitable real estate business and just sits around the patio in a rattan chair. What shall I do?

—Curious

My Dear: I think you'll find the solution to your dilemma in my newest book, **HAVING FUN IN YOUR BACK-YARD.**



## TRAVEL FUN



by Capt. Roscoe Treacle,

author of *Where To Dine In Addis Ababa* and *Is Europe Worth Seeing?*

Today's Fun Spot: The Stookie Islands

Due to the fact that these delightful islands are entirely underwater the average hurried traveler tends to overlook them. Indeed, until the Stookie Islands Chamber of Commerce sent me a quaintly carved island chest full of British bank notes I myself had given little notice to the fun-filled group. How I regret my earlier oversight! For the Stookie Islands are, if one is willing to do a little wading, veritable paradises. Take the main island, Big Stookie. The visitor fortunate enough to visit here in spring will find himself just in time for the Sponge Festival. Sponges are the chief product of the Stookies and so the culture is built around them. In the winter months there is the Sponge Bowl football tussle, with its traditional Sponge Queen reigning over the Sponge Parade and big Sponge Cotillion. Those who prefer to visit in the offseason will still find many activities to while away the days. For instance, one may watch the sponge packaging machine stick on the labels. All in all, the Stookie Islands offer an offbeat vacation spot for the fun minded. Next time I will get around to telling you just where they are.

## PUZZLER

Here is a mixture of questions that should stump all but the keenest minds. Correct answers, as always, are upside down below.

1. What year was the Boston Tea Party?
2. Who invented the Diesel engine?
3. Where is the Victoria Falls?
4. Who did Rocky Marciano defeat to become champ?
5. Who wrote *A Prisoner Of Zenda*?

1. 1773
2. Diesel
3. Southern Rhodesia
4. Joe Walcott
5. Anthony Hope

## Poet's Nook

### AUTOMATED LOVE SONG

They replaced my girl with a  
computing machine.  
I'm sad she's gone from the bunch.  
But what is even sadder  
Is taking that computer to lunch.

—Ed Spencer

## ODD, ISN'T IT?

Stanley Twelve of Twelvetees, Ohio, was born in 1912 and has twelve brothers. He was recently arrested by twelve policemen and is serving twelve years in prison.

The Great Gate of Orkney has stood at the entrance of the town for over 700 years. The town itself blew away 600 years ago.

A rock owned by Laslow Hudnut resembles exactly a rock owned by his twin brother, whom he has never met.

## INSTANT BOOKS

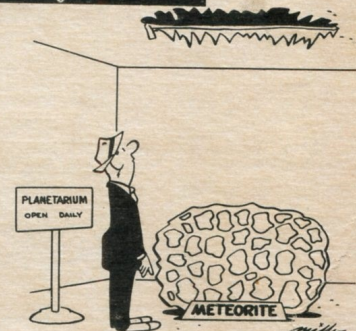
Read A Best-Seller in 30 Seconds!

### FIFTY FAMOUS RIVERS

by Sir Guy Skulking

How my heart leaped up when I first saw the Amazon, Nile, Mississippi, Ob, Yangtze, Congo, Lena, Missouri, Hwang Ho, Mackenzie, Mekong, Parana, Volga, Murray, Irtysh, Madeira, St. Lawrence, Rio Grande, Yukon, Salween, Danube, Euphrates, Indus, Orinoco, Tocantins, Brahmaputra, Si Kiang, Ganges, Paraguay, Yapura, Colorado, Dnieper, Ural, Ohio, Orange, Irrawaddy, Columbia, Saskatchewan, Darling, Tigris, Sungari, Don and Zambezi Rivers. (This book has been abridged slightly for easier reading.)

## CARTOON CORNER





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## KEYHOLE OF THE MIND

by Albert W. Matterhorn, BA

Q. Can an abnormal fear of tigers be overcome?

A Yes indeed! Of course, with tigers it is sometimes difficult to determine just how much fear is abnormal. Recently the renowned Dr J. James Matterhorn began extensive studies in the jungles of India. As soon as he shows up again I will be offering a new pamphlet, which will be called "How To Ignore Tigers And Be Popular!"

Q. What is the Gestalt theory of personality adjustment?

A This is a complex question, although the well-known Carl J Matterhorn has done much to clarify our fuzzy thinking about Gestalts. My forthcoming booklet, "How To Understand Gestalt And Be Popular!," will clear things up.

Q. Can personality be changed by a high snowfall?

A There seems to be some evidence that people who have been snowbound for several weeks tend to be moody and aloof. However, Dr. Thor H Matterhorn recently spent two days in snow up to his knees and he is as big a card as ever. My new pamphlet, "How To Tell The Snowflakes Apart And Be Popular!," will enlighten everybody.

## PUZZLER

This morning it's time again to try our hands at finding out whodunnit.

1. Who invented the sewing machine?
2. Who gave the Mississippi River its name?
3. Who created Charlie Chan?
4. Who made the first flight into the stratosphere?
5. Who wrote Tom Jones?

So far as we know the correct answers to these questions will be found upside down below.

1. Howe
2. The Algonquin Indians
3. Earl Derr Biggers
4. Auguste Piccard
5. Henry Fielding

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Movieland Memo ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

by Leroy C. Elroy

Hollywood It's a real romance between Boots Budwig and Tim Athens, seen nitely holding hands at Pierre's Place. Ignore the nasties who say it's all for publicity. And don't miss these two kids in their new flicker, *Holding Hands At Pierre's Place*. Clay Sadler fell off his horse yesterday, just as this colyum predicted over a month ago. The Sunset Strip hippies are agog over the party thrown recently at Pierre's Place by H'Wood niteable, Fairfax LaBrea. So exclusive that nobody was invited. Crown Prince Otto of Hosselrandia is

married to prettykin, Babs Bootwig. Look for a famous director, now lensing an epic in Africa, to be eaten by lions. This colyum spotted acrobeauty, Bib Bootbab, when she was stepping lively in the revue at the Pierre's Place Annex. Now Essanay moguls have signed this prettykin to a seven year contract. Toldyaso! It'll be Bess Babwig in the title role and not Boo Bibtoob when *The Betsy Ross Story* rolls at Ego Studios. And watch for the movie industry to move to Ohio any headline. S'Long!

## Poet's Nook

I'LL BE RIGHT HOME, DEAR

I never forget  
Anniversaries and such.  
I remember events  
And I give.  
Her birthday's tonight.  
My gift's the right touch.  
But where the heck  
Do I live?

—F. J. Bacon

## The Chex-Press Horoscope

by William J "Bill" Zatara

All people born at any time before the first of the month will find their week's fortunes below.

Monday—This will be a good day for gold prospecting. Avoid drafts and stay away from wild animals that have escaped from nearby zoos.

Tuesday—Unmarried girls will meet their future husbands sometime after three in the afternoon.

Wednesday—Zatara's day off.

Thursday—Avoid mergers with large steel companies. The afternoon will be good for finding misplaced farm implements.

Friday—The same as Monday. Except all the wild animals will be locked up by now.

## ODD, ISN'T IT?

Ludwig Von Kult wrote over one hundred compositions for the piano before he was three years old. To date his agent has not been able to sell a one of them.

The equator is actually two and a half feet to the left of where it should be.

Homer Yance of Breezy, Texas, knows a rooster who can play the piano.

## CARTOON CORNER



NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A WELL-FITTING SUIT!



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Dear Mrs. E. At a recent reception for the Ambassador of Xanadu my little boy ate all the place settings. This so angered the Ambassador that he broke off diplomatic relations with us and has now challenged my husband to a duel. How can we politely get ourselves out of this mess?

Mrs. ML

*My Dear: To anyone with a problem like yours I always suggest a careful reading of my newest book, "How To Make Your Child Behave In Public."*

Dear Mrs. E. Help us settle a bet. I say George Bernard Shaw, Hawkshaw and The Shah of Iran are all related. Am I right?

Mrs. JP

*My Dear: You have George Bernard Shaw mixed up with Henry W. Shaw. Otherwise you are correct.*

Dear Mrs. E: When we returned from the movies the other evening we found that someone had left a foundling in a wicker basket on our doorstep. We're not sure what we'll do with the foundling but we'd really like to keep the basket. What's the right thing to do in a set-up like this?

Mr. WKW

*My Dear: You are a scoundrel! You can't possibly keep the basket unless you keep the waif.*

## ODD, ISN'T IT?

The word xlkdxzc is one of the few words in the English language that contains no vowels.

James P. Waller tied and untied his necktie four thousand and six times without stopping.

Three times three is nine.

Wayne K. Ahab of Port Hunch, Vermont, owns a pied-billed grebe whose bill is not pied.

## Poet's Nook

### THE SHOPPING LIST

Three days I've been lost  
In the super mart aisles.  
I'm afraid there's no longer much hope.  
I can't face my wife.  
I can't say I've failed.  
I can't say I couldn't find the soap.

-Dan Donne

## PUZZLER

This morning we've put together a bunch of questions that only people of great genius and perseverance can possibly answer.

1. In what year did William the Conqueror win the Battle of Hastings?

2. Where is Mt. McKinley?

3. Who wrote "Abe Lincoln In Illinois?"

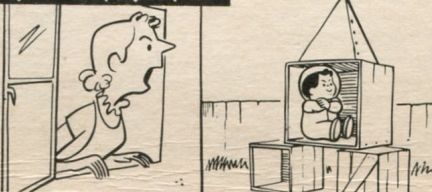
4. When was the first round-the-world flight made?

5. What was Woodrow Wilson's first name?

When you're ready to give up you'll find the answers to the questions printed upside down below.

1 1066 2. Alaska 3. Robert E. Sherwood 4. 1924 5. Thomas

### CARTOON CORNER



## CARD FUN

with Rollo Pipp

Yes, those rumors are true. There is a brand new card game in from Brazil. It's called *Obtuso* and you're going to love it. First off, you better make sure you can get twelve people together to play. There's a European version of *Obtuso* that calls for seven players but it's no fun. Twelve handed *Obtuso*, on the other hand, is fun fun fun! You'll need two full decks of cards and part of another one. Also a nutmeg grater, three dollars in stamps and some kind of tulip bulbs. Unlike many card games, *Obtuso* is a real brain game. The object is to make the other players think you are somebody you are not. I forgot to mention that you'll also need some false hair for disguises. Then you seat the twelve around two card tables. The tables, by the way, must be placed upside down. That is, with the legs in the air. I had intended to end this first lesson with a diagram showing you how you are supposed to sit around the *Obtuso* tables but the more I look at the diagram the more I get to laughing. It's the silliest diagram I've ever seen. Maybe next time I'll run it anyway. Happy dealing from your friend, Rollo.

## STAFF PROFILES

This Time:

Daniel B. Mishkin, Music Editor

Daniel B. Mishkin is the only known contraocarina player in the country. Tall and owlsh, music-lover Mishkin holds diplomas from Uncle Bob's New Method Guitar School and The Ohio Conservatory of The Ocarina. No stay at home he, Mishkin once joined the Merchant Marine on a dare and has also been a frycook, a prize-winning novelist, a truck farmer and a circus strongman. He is now married to his high school sweetheart and has several children. A staff member of the *Chex-Press* since its early days, Mishkin is first in line to write a music column if we ever decide to run one.



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## Take Annie Everymann's Advice

Dear Mrs. Everymann: At a recent dinner party that I threw for the smart country club set, the Prince of Obasti jumped up on the coffee table and did the Fox Trot. Is this considered correct in polite society?

Puzzled Hostess

My Dear: The Fox Trot is definitely out of style.

Dear Mrs. E: My husband claims to be the rightful successor to the throne of Albania. How should I handle an embarrassing situation like this?

Mrs. Nate Stookie

My Dear: Your husband IS the rightful

successor to the throne of Albania.

Dear Mrs. Everymann: My husband's boss has offered to give us 150 shagbark hickory trees. Since we live in a two room apartment I feel it would be impractical to accept this gift. Yet I wish to offend neither my husband nor his employer. What is the proper thing to do?

Mrs. A. Mariner

My Dear: I'm glad you asked me this. For it allows me to again tell everyone to look in their stores for my new book, *HOW TO DECLINE AN OFFER OF TREES OR SHRUBS*. Buy a copy and I'm sure it will solve your problem.

## ODD, ISN'T IT?

Nine tenths of the United States is completely under water.

Arfarf, a dog belonging to Mrs. P. McDonald Nitt of Renfrew, Ohio, can speak his name quite distinctly.

Manfred Toggle of Mariendbad, Michigan, has a ball of old twine twice the size of the planet Jupiter.

## Things Look Great!

EXPERTS SAY

Informed sources announced today that everything is going to be okay. High placed spokesman indicated further details would be forthcoming.

(In keeping with our good news policy we will from time to time print this all-purpose cheerful story.)

## PUZZLER

It's possible that our Quiz Department is getting even meaner and nastier. Anyway, this morning's batch of questions looks pretty tough.

1. What President of the USA was unmarried?
2. When were the modern Olympic Games first held?
3. Who wrote *The Maltese Falcon*?
4. Who invented the machine gun?
5. Where is *The Matterhorn*?

Fortunately for us all, the answers to these questions will be found upside down just below.

1. Buchanan
2. 1896
3. Hemmelt
4. Golling
5. In the Swiss Alps

## Poet's Nook

### NEWLYWED'S LAMENT

My wife can cook nothing  
But tuna fish patties.  
Yesterday at the lake  
A trout called me Daddy.

—Ed Spencer

## CARTOON CORNER



YOU KNOW, HE'S RIGHT, DEAR...

1/25th IS A BETTER EXPOSURE.

## BE A SPORT

with "Whiz" Batson, the Famous Pro

### Catch An Ape With Your Bare Hands

Fellows who restrict their hunting trips to short half day jaunts are not likely to run up against the great apes too often. Unless you're one of those lucky guys who lives within driving distance of a wild untamed jungle area. Well, cheer up, sports fans. A novel new enterprise has just been started in East Opar, Connecticut, where Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Quarternain have opened up an ape preserve. The erstwhile huntsman will find it well stocked with ferocious apes, gibbons, orangutans and ring-tailed hoopoes. Believe you me, guys, when it comes to outdoor thrills, there's nothing to compare with wrestling a giant ape. Why not take a look into this interesting new sport.



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**EDITORIAL** Over our desk is the motto *No Bad News Is Good News*. This thought is foremost in our minds as we go about the task of getting out *The Chex Press*. You will never, we promise, find any unhappy news in our paper—only news guaranteed to cheer you up. And now, let's see what our readers are saying.

*The Editors*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs,

No bad news is good news.  
A friend

Dear Friend,

We like your letter so much we've put it over our desk and are calling it a motto.

*The Editors*

Dear Editors,

Upon starting out on a cross country ice skating race eleven years ago I took off my wrist

watch, for fear of breaking it, and asked a bystander to hold it. If that bystander intends to return my watch I hope he does so soon since I am getting very curious as to the time.

A Skating Fan

Dear Skating Fan,

If you will tell us what time zone you live in we'll see what we can do.

*The Editors*

## MINUTE NOVELS

A Quick-Condensed Version of the Run-away Bestseller!

### A SWORDSMAN OF QUEEN VICTORIA

by J Anthony Halstead

4000 Years Of History Crammed Into This Mammoth Bestseller! A Rich Tapestry Of Humanity's Follies and Fortunes! (Reading time: one minute.)

#### CHAPTER ONE

Handsome Rupert Tapestry, rightful heir to the Hapsburg throne, hurried so that he could get across the border before the 19th century closed. He was a striking figure, tall in his ornate saddle. Rupert's horse had become lost two days ago and he had been forced to replace it with a man named Loomis.

"On, Loomis," grinned the devil-may-care Rupert as he became aware that the horsemen of the aging monarch, Louis the XIVth, seemed to be drawing nigh behind them.

"Going as fast as I can," re-

plied Loomis. "We can't make very good time carrying you and this chair"



"That's the Hapsburg throne," replied Rupert. "And it goes where I go." And so saying he drew his renowned and much publicized blade and turned to face the pursuers.

But it was not the enemy at all. Instead, etched against the moonlight on the off-white stallion Rupert knew so well, was Lola, Duchess of Rotunda. "Come home, Rupert," she cried. "It is all a mistake."

"You mean they're going to make me king after all?"

"No, I mean you stole the wrong chair."

And they fell into each other's arms, laughing good-naturedly.

THE END

## PUZZLER

Feeling musical this morning? Then how about naming the composers of the following tunes?

1. Night and Day.
2. Greensleeves.
3. St. Louis Blues.
4. My Funny Valentine.
5. Camptown Races.

The correct answers are printed upside down below. Careful not to get dizzy reading them.

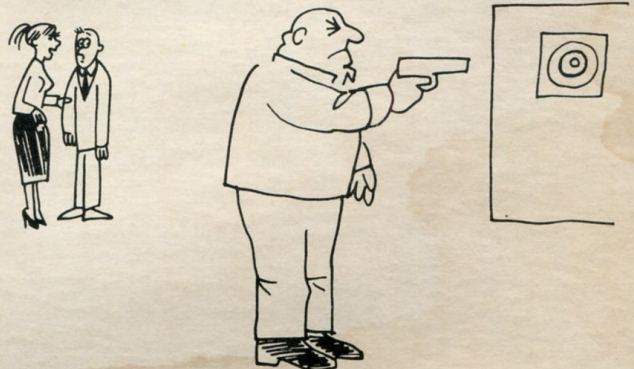
- 1 Cole Porter
- 2 Anonymous
- 3 W. C. Handy
- 4 Rogers & Hart
- 5 Stephen Foster

## WEATHER REPORT

CLEAR BLUE SKIES, MODERATE TEMPERATURE, WARM WIND FROM THE SOUTH.

In keeping with our policy of printing only cheerful stuff we offer the above forecast.

## CARTOON CORNER



"Now's a good time to ask my father—while he's relaxing."

## Our Man in TRINIDAD

Flash! Trinidad was discovered by Columbus in 1498. The first tourist got there a few weeks later. Ever since, tourists have been sailing away to this tropical isle in the southern Caribbean, where the sea is always blue and bright and the sun shines most all the time.

To the present-day visitor Trinidad offers Hindu temples, Moslem mosques, oriental bazaars and British overtones. The island abounds in shopping bargains and Calypso singers.

A quick chat with your travel agent will fill you in on the assortment of easy and inexpensive ways to get to Trinidad. See you around the bazaar.

## Doc's Nook

TO A BOY WHO HAS JUST LEARNED TO DRIVE

Son, we don't mind  
Your borrowing the car.  
But won't you write  
And say where you are?

—George Gordon



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## Mrs. Bobbin's Sewing Circle

Conducted by Mrs. Dimity Bobbin

### HOW TO KNIT AN AIRDROME COZY

#### Lesson One.

Here's the perfect gift for the air-minded in your crowd. A warm wool cozy to throw over those chilly airplane hangars that pilots insist on keeping their ships in.

This practical cozy is really very cute and has a wonderful flower border flap that goes over the door of the hangar. Now the only thing required here, besides lots and lots of yarn, is a certain amount of patience. When we tested this pattern out in my sewing room it took a good solid seventeen months of knitting to finish just one cozy. And that was only for a small hangar used by a retired stunt flyer of my acquaintance.

Oh, but if you want to make some near and dear flying friend as warm as toast and happy as a jaybird, then this airdrome cozy is the thing for you to take a crack at. We'll get down to details in our very next lesson. Keep 'em flying.

## WEATHER REPORT

CLEAR BLUE SKIES, MODERATE TEMPERATURES, WARM WINDS FROM THE SOUTH.

(As usual we print only this cheerful good news type weather report.)

## PUZZLER

Let's work ourselves into a frenzy this morning by trying to guess who.

1. Who wrote *Madame Butterfly*?
2. Who went looking for the Golden Fleece?
3. Who was the king who signed the Magna Charta?
4. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?
5. Who invented volleyball?

If our secretary had time to get over to the library during her coffee break the answers to the above questions should be printed upside down just below.

1. Puccini
2. Jason
3. King John
4. F. A. Bartholdi
5. Wm. G. Morgan

## ★ ★ ★ The Dream Corner ★ ★ ★

by Prince S. Gayza

### DREAM #1

I dreamt I was walking along a lonely mountain road at midnight. Suddenly I heard snarling behind me and I dared not turn to face the loathsome creature I knew full well would be waiting there to pounce. I closed my eyes and when I opened them I was directing traffic at the corner of Arkham and Dulwich Streets in my hometown. Can you explain this dream? (Sent in by Mr. HPL.)

#### SOLUTION #1:

Mr. HPL will shortly receive a tax refund in the mail.

### DREAM #2

Lately I've been dreaming that I am a xylophone player. (Sent in by Mr. WA.)

#### SOLUTION #2:

This is a fairly common dream. What it means is this: if Mr. WA will look behind the sofa next Tuesday morning he will get a surprise.

### DREAM #3

In my dream I am a lovely, sought after ballerina. On the eve of my New York debut I meet a struggling young doctor who tells me I must choose between him or my career. What does this dream mean? (Sent in by Miss CW.)

#### SOLUTION #3:

I'm not sure what this dream means. But with a little more work I think we can sell it to the movies.

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## CAPTAIN DOILY

by J. Anthony Halstead, author of *A Swordsman of Queen Victoria*, *The Magnificent Fop*, *Chairman of the Musketeers*, etc.

### CHAPTER XXI

The Man in the Iron Mask was starting to rust. "Hurry up with the digging," he said to his mysterious cellmate. "The dampness in this prison suits me ill."

"I would have had the tunnel out of this foul place finished days ago had it not been for the building inspector," said the other, attacking the wall with his spoon.

"He caught you?"

"No, but he made me get a digging permit. Filling out all those forms was time consuming."

"Let's dig with a will then, my friend," said the Man in the Iron Mask. "For when I am free I will again be king."

His companion stopped digging. "What? You are the missing king!" He drew his salad fork. "Defend yourself then. For as sure as my name is Captain Doily I am vowed to avenge myself upon you!"

"Captain Doily!" exclaimed the erstwhile monarch.

Suddenly outside, before the captain could move, the Bastille fell.

To be continued.

## CARTOON CORNER



BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO FEEL SHEEPISH. 11



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### DREAM #1

For five weeks I dreamt I was living in a five story building. Then for four weeks I dreamt I had a good job with a quartet. For the past three weeks I've been dreaming I'm one of the Three Musketeers. I feel there is some meaning to all this. (Sent in by Mr. AT)

### SOLUTION #1

Mr. AT has made an error on his income tax return.

### DREAM #2

I continually dream that I am locked inside a cage and that the cage is inside a locked cell and the cell is within a vast prison and that the prison itself lies behind a high wall. Does this mean much? (Sent in by Miss AJ)

### SOLUTION #2

Miss AJ will soon meet Mr. AT.



## GARDEN FUN

by Rollo Greenthumb



### How To Grow Paper Flowers

These hardy little flowers, although difficult to grow, are well worth the trouble. And after you tire of them they can be burned for fuel. Nothing crackles like a fireplace full of paper flowers on a cold winter's night.

Experiments have shown that it takes about an acre of good loamy soil to produce one bunch of paper flowers. The big problem here is getting all that dirt into one flower pot. But once that's solved all you have to do is plant a few old newspapers, some magazines and an unpaid bill or two. Water twice a day and just see what comes up. Happy growing. Rollo.

## The Fish Forum

by "Hookline" Williams

Dear Hookline: I am an incurable fisherman and right now I'm really anxious to land a few Roseate Spoonbills. What sort of bait should I use? —Angler

*Dear Angler: This letter gives me a chance to sound off on one of my pet peeves. Too many novice fishermen think everything they see in or about the water is a fish. Actually, you'll find most authorities agree that the Spoonbill is a big bird. As I only answer fish questions I cannot help you.*

Dear Hookline Williams: I think I have caught the Loch Ness Monster. How can I be sure? —Puzzled Waltonian

*Dear PW: This sort of fish will have a highly salty taste when cooked. That's a good way to tell.*

## PUZZLER

Here is a quiz that asks the question—What is it? In fact, it asks it five times.

1. What is a Percheron? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is a busby? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is a hornbeam? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is a trilby? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is an ibex? \_\_\_\_\_

If our research staff has been on its toes the answers to these questions should be upside down below.

1. A draft horse
2. A tall fur cap
3. A tree of the birch family
4. A felt hat
5. A wild goat

## WEATHER REPORT

CLEAR BLUE SKIES, MODERATE TEMPERATURES, WARM WINDS FROM THE SOUTH.

(As usual you will find only cheerful good news type weather reports in this paper.)

Our Perennial Serial

## Laura Freeby, Hollywood Nurse

by Olive Chesterton Dupree,  
Beloved Authoress

### Chapter IX

Handsome, towheaded Biff Shubert flexed his elbow unhappily and looked at slim, willowy Laura Freeby, Hollywood Nurse, with mute appeal in his sharp, lake blue eyes. "It's all a ghastly mistake," he bemoaned.

"Then you're not responsible for what happened to old Mr. Yeabow?"

"In a way," admitted the well turned out young actor. "You see, Laura, I've played a doctor so often on TV that when I walked into the operating room by mistake while searching for you that terrible night after our foolish quarrel I just went ahead and operated."

Laura bit down on the lovely sun-tanned knuckle of her artistic left hand with her beautiful ivory white teeth and said, "That was foolish of you, Biff."

"On careful re-evaluation of myself," replied Biff handsomely, "I, too, have come to see the truth in that."

Before Laura could take his hand in hers forgivingly the desperately bearded man in the black opera cape, who had given them such worry and unhappy moments since their arrival at Wheeler-woolsey Manor two days before, appeared suddenly in the fireplace and pointed a pistol at them.

To be continued!

## CARTOON CORNER



...AND HONEY, I FINALLY REMEMBERED TO FILL THAT LIGHTER.



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## The Detective Section

The Best In Serialized Mysteries!

### Castle Boogoose

by Duncan Morrison

#### CHAPTER XXI

When Doctor John Barkis stepped into the corridor he knew at once that something was not quite right at ancient storm-tossed Boogoose Castle. For one thing Beryl Tabbywicket, England's leading lady soccer player, was at the end of the passage floating three feet above the floor and wearing one of Colonel Bushpin's motorbike tires as headgear. Suddenly behind him, as he was to recall later, another door opened. But before Dr. Barkis could turn a third door opened across from him and all the light fixtures began playing *The Bluebells of Scotland*. It was exactly what had happened at Victoria Station just a week ago tonight when Lady Enclosure had been stunned.

Barkis reached into the pocket of his lounging robe for his pistol. To his surprise, as he was to remember afterwards, he found another's hand already there. Turning he found himself facing the formidable detective, Sir Herman Melville-Smith. Old HMS himself, Head of Scotland Yard, Chief of Counter Intelligence, Member of Parliament for East Carwax and Prime Minister of Great Britain.

"HMS," cried Dr. Barkis. "Quick! Someone's got Beryl floating in the corridor."

HMS touched the side of his nose and rubbed his old bald head. "Ho! Eh? Oh, my aunt, lad! The real problem is what's being done with the tapestries in the other corridor."

"Another corridor?"

HMS nodded and as they listened a door opened.

To be continued!

## Take Annie Everymann's Advice

Dear Mrs. Everymann: My two-year-old son is quite good at doing a cute impersonation of a steam calliope. He did this recently at a swank French restaurant and the head waiter threw us, one by one, out into a side street. Do we have any recourse?

—Mrs. FSG

My Dear: I suggest you hurry out and buy my new book, *BUILDING A BETTER FRENCH VOCABULARY*.

Dear Mrs. Everymann: My wife has supported me for the past decade and a half by writing true confession stories for the confession magazines. The other day, when at a loss for ideas, she penned a yarn entitled, *I Have Supported My Husband for a Decade and a Half Writing Confession Stories*. I maintain that this is not sporting. Am I right?

—Mr. JRB

My Dear: My advice to you is Il n'y a pas de quoi. If you don't know what that means get a copy of my new book, *BUILDING A BETTER FRENCH VOCABULARY*.

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## Our No Pictures COMIC STRIP

### DR. JUDGE'S FAMILY

by Allen Subpoena, Jr.

Editor's Note: We regret that, because of space limitations, we are able to run only the dialogue portion of this fine comic strip.

#### Panel One:

Mrs. Reiberson: He was so convincing, Dr. Judge! He said all I had to do was put my head in the vibrabox and my hiccups would be cured! I know now the man was a quack! That's why I've come to you!

Dr. Judge: Yes, to have your hiccups cured!

#### Panel Two:

Mrs. Reiberson: Well, yes! And to get this silly box off my head!

Dr. Judge: Hmm! What will happen if I press this switch here?

#### Panel Three:

Sound: Fitzrowrr! Bzzt! Zap! Wang!

## CARTOON CORNER

